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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 10, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are presented on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: